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Your Family and Middlebury

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SENT BY THE COLLEGE TO ALL MIDDLEBURY PARENTS

MIDDLEBURY in the News

Parents Day to be held on October 27th

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH of this year has been reserved on the College calendar for Parent's Day. Although Middlebury parents are always welcome on the Middlebury campus, this special day has been set aside to enable parents to visit Middlebury when it is in regular academic session, to see the College in action.

The Saturday program is being arranged to allow parents to meet President Stratton, the Deans and faculty, attend classes where possible, lunch with undergraduates, faculty and staff and attend the football game in the afternoon with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Sunday will be kept clear of scheduled functions in order that parents and undergraduates might have ample time for family visits and trips in the countryside around Middlebury. All parents are invited to attend the Chapel Service at Mead Memorial Chapel at 10:00 A.M.

In view of varying preferences that might exist for room accommodations, it is suggested that all parents attending Parent's Day arrange their own reservations. Colonial Inns with pleasant accommodations are available in Middlebury, East Middlebury and Brandon and ample accommodations are also available in motels, tourist cabins and tourist homes in and about the Village of Middlebury. Undergraduate sons and daughters can be helpful in obtaining accommodations preferred by visiting parents.

Middlebury has always felt that parents are important members of the Middlebury College Family with a real interest in the work the College does to maintain the high standard of its faculty and the effectiveness of its educational program. Parent's Day has been established so that Parents may be active participants in the partnership. All members of the faculty and staff extend a warm welcome to our Parents to visit Middlebury October 27th.

It will greatly assist us with our planning if you will use the enclosed card to indicate if you plan to come. Kindly check items on program you would prefer to attend.

Greetings and Goodbye

With this issue of Your Family and Middlebury we say good-bye to the parents of the members of our Class of 1956 and hello to the parents of our incoming freshmen.

To our "graduated" parents we send our thanks for their leadership and helpful comments and for their warm, friendly interest in Middlebury. We do hope that interest will stay alive even though sons and daughters have left as graduates.

The Mothers and Dads of our incoming freshmen we welcome as new readers and new members of the Middlebury family. Your Family and Middlebury has one objective—to keep you constantly informed of Middlebury, its program and its activities. We will welcome your suggestions and your criticisms as we want you to feel full partners in the educational venture that is Middlebury.

Walter Kyle Prescott, '50 (left), and **Roland C. Holbrook, '19,** look over the $1000 in contributions the newly established Middlebury Alumni Association of Canada has received this year. Both Mr. Prescott and Mr. Holbrook live in Montreal and are great Middlebury "boosters."

College Receives Grant of $1500 From The Texas Co.

Middlebury College has received an unrestricted grant of $1,500 from The Texas Company, President Samuel S. Stratton announced on July 11th.

The vice president of The Texas Company, James H. Pipkin, said in the letter accompanying the check, *"Your institution has a splendid record of service to the young people of our country. We are hopeful that this award will be only one among an increasing number of tangible tributes by business and industry to that service. Nothing is more basic to the Nation's well-being than the preservation of a sound system of higher education."*

In acknowledging the grant, President Stratton said, *"We are grateful to The Texas Company for their unrestricted grant to Middlebury and their well-planned program in support of education. Generous help such as theirs by business and industry plays an important part in helping the Nation's independent liberal arts colleges to continue their mission of educating young men and women for service to the community."*

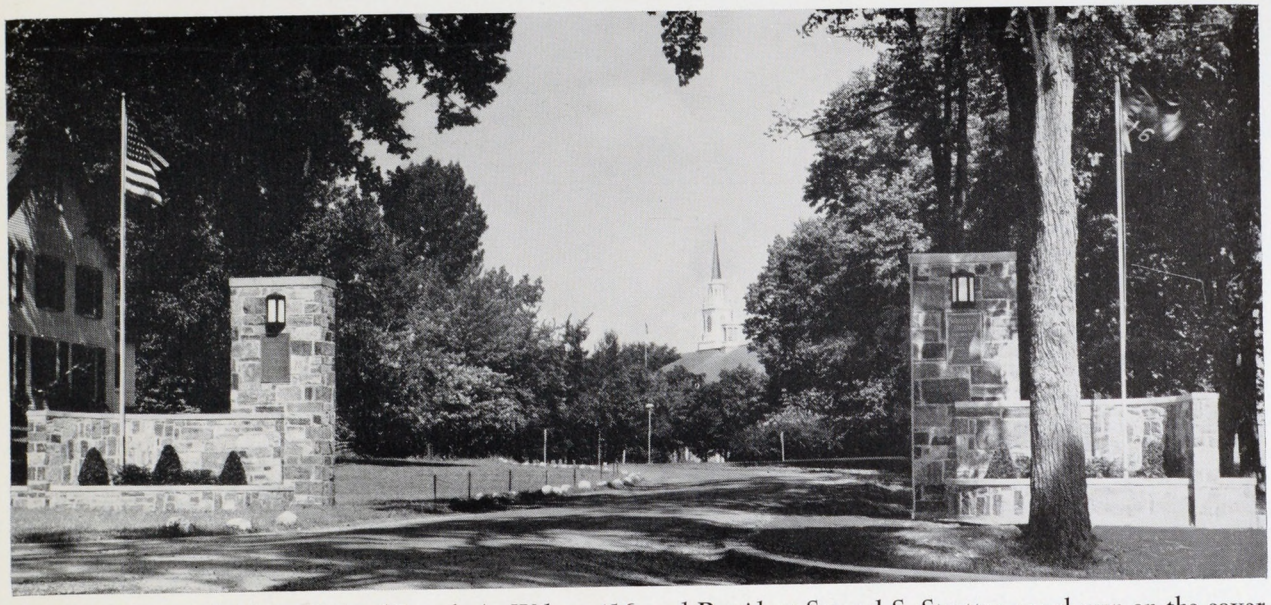
1956 Football Prospects . . .

It really will be Labor Day at Middlebury Sept. 3 when Coach Duke Nelson greets more than 35 candidates for the 1956 Panther football squad.

Capt. Harry Johnson, '57, will lead the group of 16 letterman who will join with the other candidates to start preparations for the 1956 season. Graduation cut less heavily into the squad this June than a year ago. Loss by Commencement were backs Mike Philbin and Dick Worthington and outstanding lineman Mark Benz. However, with the exception of Benz, Coach Nelson has his 1955 line back intact including All-State selections end John Hall, '47, and guard Bill Ryan, '59. This line should prove a formidable obstacle to the opposition.

In the backfield, such dependable performers as halfback Pete Cooper, '57, the Panther's top passer and yardage maker of the last two seasons; fullback Rog Tirone, '57, the leading ground gainer and halfback Zing Rausa, '57, another top passer, will be around for their final year of competition.

The complete schedule: Sept. 29, Wesleyan, Middlebury; Oct. 6, HOMECOMING, Worcester Polytech, Middlebury; Oct. 13, at Williams; Oct. 20, at Bates; Oct. 27, Rensselaer Polytech, Middlebury; Nov. 3, Norwich, Middlebury; and Nov. 10, at Vermont.



CLASS OF 1916 GATE—Colonel Joseph A. Wilson, '16, and President Samuel S. Stratton are shown on the cover following the dedication of the Gate after it was presented to the College by the Class of 1916 during Commencement Alumni Reunion Week End. Colonel Wilson donated the Gate to the College in the name of his class. A bronze plaque on each of the gate posts, lighted by night, carries the inscription: "Middlebury College, Founded 1800. This gateway is the gift of Colonel Joseph A. Wilson, Class of 1916. Presented June, 1956."

College Curtails Student Use of Cars

As THE NEWS LETTER goes to press on August 1st, President Samuel Stratton has announced a curtailment in the future of the use of automobiles by students.

Dr. Stratton stated that "it has been decided that freshmen men entering College in the fall of 1956 will not be permitted to possess or drive automobiles in College until the beginning of their junior year."

This means that by the fall of 1958 only juniors and seniors will be allowed cars in comparison to the use of cars during the past years by all classes. Women students have never been allowed the use of cars.

The step of curtailing the use of cars by students is an effort by the College to cooperate with the safety programs of motor vehicle authorities and to continue in the effort to keep Middlebury a true residential college.

Reunion Held By Dutton Fellows

The Honorable Redfield Proctor was the guest of honor at a reunion luncheon of Dutton Fellows held at Middlebury Inn on June 11th. He told those present how he had started the Dutton Fellowship grants in 1927 with the pattern of Cecil Rhodes Scholarships in mind and had named them for his mother.

Dutton Fellows attending the reunion luncheon or who send greetings at being unable to come to Middlebury for the event included: Alice Guest Howson, '30; Cyrus Anfindsen, '56; Ellen Kellog Norton, '31; Dorothy Wunner Woodward, '34; James H. Hunt, '54; Raymond A. Ablondi, Jr., '52; Louise Hubbard McCoy, '36 (*chairman of the Reunion*); Stuart P. Bowne, '55; Donald H. Henderson, '49 (*now studying in Norway under a Fulbright Grant*); Joseph H. Jackson, '35; Donald W. Sherburne, '51; W. Storrs Lee, '28; Howard W. Cutler, '28; Robert M. Rauner, '50; Charles Thrasher, '32; Charles H. Sawyer, '37; Amy Niles Glazier, '33; Elwood A. Hoxie, '36; and Raymond and Helen Walter Bosworth, '29. All expressed gratitude to Mr. Proctor for his faith in youth and for his far-reaching Fellowship gift of many years to Middlebury and international understanding.

Brooks A. Jenkins, '39, became the new Librarian of Willamette University, Salem, Oregon on August 1st. Prior to this appointment he was a member of the staff of the Washington State College library.

NEWS LETTER Wins Two National Awards

THE NEWS LETTER was cited for two general awards at the national meeting of the American Alumni Council in French Lick, Indiana, during the latter part of June.

From among several hundred college alumni magazines competing in the group with less than 10,000 circulation, THE NEWS LETTER placed second in the category of interpreting student activities and viewpoints to the alumni. The Harvard Medical School Bulletin placed first in "The Student" category.

Third place was won by the THE NEWS LETTER in the section entitled, "The Institution." Judgement in this category is based on the job being done by alumni magazines in the interpreting of the respective activities of their college administrations and faculty to the alumni.

Judges for the national alumni magazine award competition were Charles Cummings, editor of *Philnews*, Phillips Petroleum Co.; Earle English, dean of the School of Journalism, University of Missouri; Cuyler MacRae, senior editor, *The Reader's Digest*; Charles Stiver, editor, *Future Magazine*, U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Mary Stith, associate editor, University of Oklahoma Press.

Class of 1916 Gate Presentation Highlight of Commencement Week End

THE dedication of a Class of 1916 Gate on June 9th highlighted the 1956 Alumni Commencement Week End. The gate erected on the east entrance of the campus, is the gift of Colonel Joseph A. Wilson, a member of the twenty-five year class.

Following the Annual Alumni Reunion Luncheon in the World War II Memorial Field House, the Class of 1916 Gate was dedicated with Russell E. Hemphill '16, class secretary, making the presentation of the Gate to Middlebury. President Stratton unveiled plaques on the two gate posts. Flags were raised on the poles of each gate with the Stars and Stripes on one pole and the 1916 class flag on the other pole. The National Colors had been flown over the Nation's capital in Washington, D. C., before Colonel Wilson had acquired this flag for the 1916 class gate.

Nearly 1500 Alumni-ae, parents and members of the Class of 1956 attended the Reunion Luncheon on Saturday, June 9th. Following the Luncheon: names of the newly-elected Alumni-ae officers were announced; plaques were awarded for meritorious service to their "Alma Mater"; an announcement of the success of the 1955–56 Alumni Fund was made; McCullough and LaFlamme Cups were awarded; 50-year pin awards were presented to the living members of the Class of 1906; and a scholarship was presented to the College by Alumni-ae and friends in honor of retiring Professor Waldo Heinrichs.

Donald Fredrickson, '25, National Chairman of the Alumni Fund announced that the 1955-56 goal of $55,000 had been reached *(See enclosed supplement containing all details pertaining to the Fund which closed on June 30, 1956).* **The goal of the 1956-57 Alumni Fund will remain at $55,000, with $25,000 to be given for scholarships and $30,000 for the Development Program. Mr. Fredrickson and Mrs. Margaret H. Shuttleworth, '29, have agreed to continue as National Chairmen of the Fund.**

The McCullough Cup for the highest percentage of living members present at Commencement Alumni Day was awarded to the 50th Anniversary Class of 1906 which had 66 per cent of its living members preent.

Four classes, including the men and women of the 50th Anniversary Class, shared in receiving the LaFlamme Bowl awarded to the class group with the highest percentage of participation in the 1955–56 Alumni Fund. Sharing in the award were the men of 1882–90 and the men of 1902.

In recognition of meritorious service to Middlebury, traditional pewter plaques were presented to: Dr. Stanton S. Eddy, '94, and Miss Anne Smith, '06. A posthumous presentation was made to Stanley V. Wright, '19, and the award was accepted by Mrs. Stanley (Ruth L. Ashworth, '21) Wright. The presentation of the awards was made by Earl A. Samson, '26, the newly elected Alumni President.

Citations accompanying the awards stated:

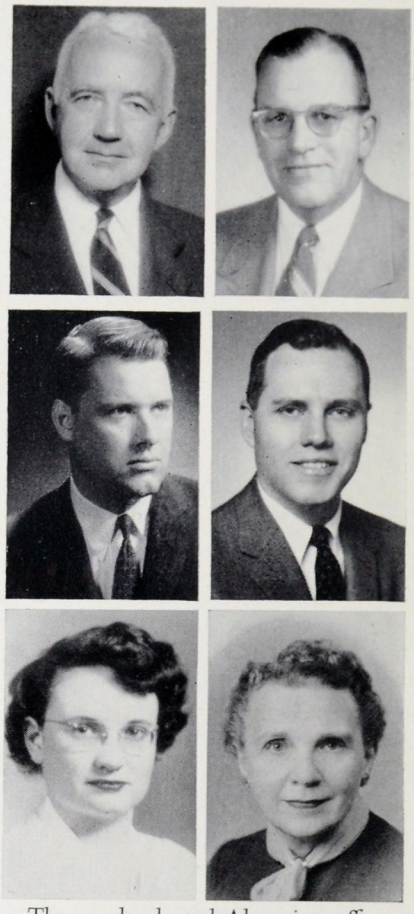
Stanton S. Eddy, '94—*"was graduated from Middlebury in 1894 and University of Vermont Medical College 1897. For 43 years he was Health Officer of Middlebury watching over the health of the community, and keeping himself at the service of the town officers in any emergency. Also for many years he was medical advisor of the college, and faithfully attended athletic events despite the weather. Above all, always a loyal son of Middlebury."*

Anne F. Smith, '06—*"Miss Smith went into teaching at Ballston Spa, New York at the high school level. From there to Middlebury and then to Worcester and finally she taught at Bombay, India. Miss Smith left teaching and went into social work, and from that eventually became Director of the Junior Red Cross in 1946. She has always been loyal to Middlebury in every way. Her constant letters of interest and encouragement to the person at the helm in Alumnae work have been most helpful over the years. She can always be relied on to help when advice is needed as her experience with the Alumnae Association has been greater than that of most of us. She has been especially active in the Worcester Alumnae Club. She was Chairman of the Constitution Revision Committee and did a wonderful job with her committee of presenting the Association with a complete National Constitution. She has been working for Middlebury in so many ways, that it is difficult to list them all. In this year of her fiftieth Reunion, it seems especially fitting that Anne Smith should receive this award for 'meritorious service to her alma mater'."*

Stanley V. Wright, '19—*"Many alumni feel that the following award should have taken place years ago but due to the modesty of the recipient he was not willing to accept it.*

"Stanley Victor Wright . . ., saw service in both World Wars and after receiving his discharge from the Navy in 1946 he became a member of the staff of the College. For the rest of his life he served faithfully as Associate Director of the Memorial Fund, Director of Admissions for Men, Director of Alumni Relations and Director of the Development Program."

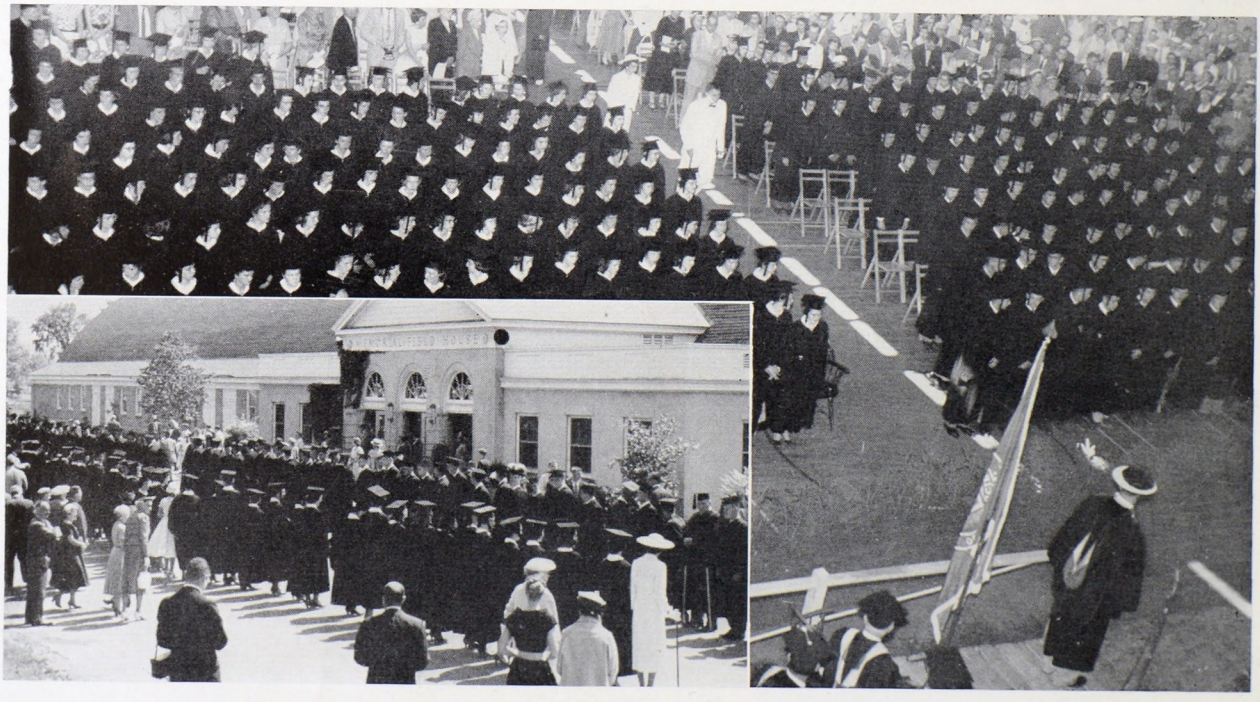
New Alumni-ae Officers



The newly-elected Alumni-ae officers are, left to right: (top) *Paris Fletcher, '24,* Alumni Trustee; *Earl A. Samson, '26,* National Alumni President; (middle) *John B. Henty, '50,* President, Albany, N. Y., District; *Ralph E. Eddy, '51,* President, Conn. District; *Robert B. Rivel, '42,* President, New York District; (bottom) *Miss Jean C. Smith, '46,* Delegate-at-Large; and *Mrs. Dorothy Nash Brailey, '19,* National Alumnae President.

ALUMNI PRESENTATIONS at Reunion Luncheon—*left to right.* (*top*) Recipients of 50-year pin awards were, Mrs. Inez Stevens Abbot, Mrs. Annie Metcalf Tarr, Miss Anne F. Smith, Mrs. Elsie Greenwood Bunker, Mrs. Florence Duncan Weld, Harold R. Bird, Justin M. Ricker, (*Mrs. Irene Henry Payne, Mrs. Alice Duncan Picard not in picture*); (*center*) Donald D. Fredrickson, '25, presents the LaFlamme Bowl to Hermon E. Hasseltine, for men of 1902, Dr. Lucretius Ross, for men of 1890, Miss Anne Smith and Justin Ricker for women and men of 1906; David K. Smith, '42, is shown presenting Professor Heinrichs with a scholarship established in his name in honor of Professor Heinrich's long service with the College; Harold Bird accepts the McCullough Reunion Cup from Egbert C. Hadley, '10, for the class of 1906, and, recipients of Alumni-ae Plaques were, Mrs. Ruth Ashworth Wright, '21 who accepted the plaque in the name of her husband—the late Stanley V. Wright, '19, Miss Anne F. Smith, '06, and Dr. S. S. Eddy, '94.

COMMENCEMENT SCENES: (Top) President Samuel S. Stratton and Erwin D. Canham, the commencement speaker, lead the academic procession. Marching behind Dr. Stratton are Egbert C. Hadley and Fred P. Lang of the College Board of Trustees. The marshals are Charles W. Welby and Walter A. Moyer, faculty members. (Below) Over-all view of the academic procession and graduating class being seated in the Memorial Field House.



Honorary degrees were awarded to: Erwin D. Canham, Editor of "The Christian Science Monitor," *Doctor of Laws*; Clifford P. Case, United States Senator from New Jersey (Senator and Mrs. Case's daughter, Ann, was a member of the graduating class), *Doctor of Laws*; Joseph G. Davidson, Vice President of Union Carbide and Carbon Corp. and developer of Vermont's Equinox Skyline Drive, *Doctor of Science*; Mrs. Helen M. Davis, educator and authority on the Far East, *Doctor of Humanities*; Rev. William D. Livingstone, '42, Baccalaureate speaker and Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, San Diego, California, *Doctor of Divinity*; Don G. Mitchell, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Sylvania Electric Products Co., *Doctor of Laws*; and, Dr. Charles L. Schepens, eye specialist, researcher and Director of the famed Retina Foundation, *Doctor of Science*.

President Stratton conferred the honorary degrees citing the recipients as follows:

Erwin Dain Canham—"As distinguished editor of an internationally known newspaper—which has ever been unafraid to present to the literate, news unadorned with glamour and unseasoned with sordidness—we welcome you to our Honorary Fellowship.

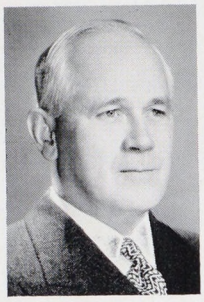
"Your dedication to the written truth, your creative thinking and your thoughtful interpretation of events at home and in the capitals of the world have earned you the respect of college students and of intelligent citizens. Despite these sufficient achievements you have always been willing to leave your editorial desk to enlist actively in causes humane whether of public or private concern."

Clifford Philip Case—"Phi Beta Kappa lawyer and one time Congressman—you courageously turned your back on the enviable task of giving away significant sums, as President of a well known philanthropic foundation. You chose, instead, successfully to crusade with sterling forthrightness for men in whom you had faith and for principles you found righteous. Your impeccable and competent conduct of affairs of state and the high positions of trust that have justly been bestowed upon you are sufficient causes, we believe, for our wish to honor you today.

"We cannot leave unsaid, however, our pleasure in inviting you to join our honorary fellowship so shortly after your daughter Ann, like her father a public spirited college citizen, has become a member of the select company of Middlebury graduates of the class of 1956."

William Daniel Livingstone, '42—"On a June day not so many years ago you were graduated from this college with the highest of academic honors and with the earnest desire to prepare yourself for the Christian ministry. On this June day, with pride and satisfaction we give recognition to your dedicated service to your fellow men; to your brilliant and compassionate leadership of a great church and to the honor you have brought to your Alma Mater by your undeviating faithfulness to the values and ideals of a Middlebury education."

Joseph George Davidson—"Your fulfilled dream of a Skyline Trail has revealed delightful vistas for all of us who find moments of inner peace and comfort as we view from on high our Vermont forests and mountains, streams and pastures. Long before you conceived this benefaction to our state you followed another trail which led from college degree to graduate degrees; from college teaching to scientific research; from industrial positions of lesser responsibility to posts of eminent leadership in an industry intimately related to the development of a standard of living unique in this world.



"Today we recognize in you a Vermont neighbor who has earned the approbation of his fellow men by his distinguished career as scholar, scientist, industrial leader and public spirited citizen."

Helen Miller Davis—"Early in your adult life you manifested a serious concern for the education of youth and for public affairs of national and international scope.

"Today we honor you for your lasting achievements, as an educator, both teacher and administrator. More specifically we pay tribute to your scholarly contributions to the study of the Middle East. Your painstaking and unspectacular research has provided data for the statesmen, industrialists and scholars who are presently trying to cope with the intricate and fearsome problems embedded in the history and geography of this significantly strategic area of the globe."

Don G. Mitchell—"You have been welcomed to our college before as a speaker and participant in our annual Middlebury Conference and, happily, also as the parent of a Middlebury daughter for whom we have affectionate regard.

"Today, however, with our welcome, we now enroll you in the select company of Honorary Fellows of Middlebury College. It is our pleasure by this action to give recognition to the eminent position which you have achieved and which you well merit as an outstanding industrial leader. By uniting innate modesty with sincere interest in your fellow men; by combining high intelligence with complete integrity, you inspire the confidence of the inhabitants of the Ivy Towers in those men who direct the intricate and vastly important economic affairs of our dynamic society."

Dr. Charles L. Schepens—"Indefatigable and brilliant medical scholar, your gifted research has made significant and enduring contributions to man's knowledge of the causes and cures of impairment of his sight.

"By your scientific observations; by your skilled surgical techniques; and by your patient teaching of others, you have earned the unending gratitude of patients with eyesight restored, and with good cause the profound respect of all who find sight precious."

A Progress Report on Your Development Program

By Walter E. Brooker, '37, *Director of the Development Program*

In 1954, the July News Letter carried the first general announcement of Middlebury's long range Development Program. Now, some two years later, it seems fitting that we consider the results of our efforts thus far and examine the objectives that lie ahead.

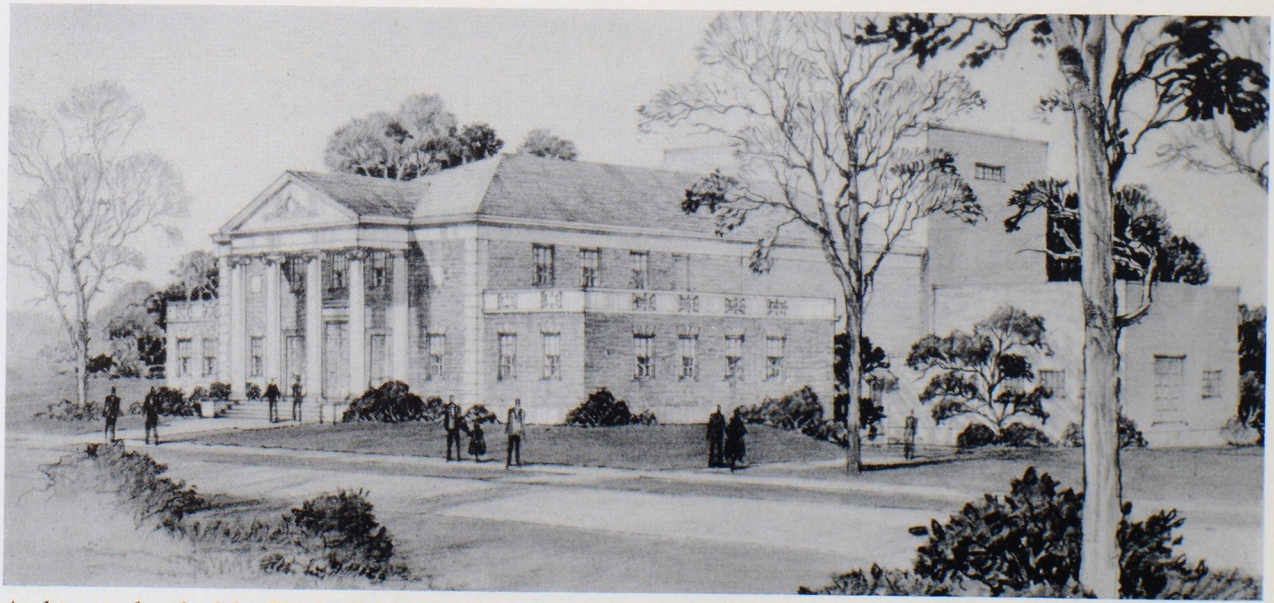
Goals Achieved

The record to date is one of accomplishment. Some of the priority objectives listed in the first announcement of the Development Program have been realized or are about to be realized.

Retention of Middlebury's character as a residential college has been an important goal of the Development Program. The completion of Battell Center, a new women's dormitory in use this year, has made possible the return of all women students to the campus. Plans call for the eventual return of all men students to residence on the campus or in fraternities within the next few years. In order to realize this goal, plans are currently being drawn to construct a new men's dormitory capable of housing 150 students. To defray the cost of construction of this dormitory without using funds that must be raised for pressing academic needs, Middlebury has entered into negotiations with the Federal Government to borrow funds at an extremely low interest rate on a self-liquidating basis. The Government has earmarked the sum of $525,000 for the project. As soon as final approval of the loan is granted, plans for the construction of the dormitory on a site south of Hepburn Hall will be put out for bids.

Another accomplishment of the Development Program has been the completion of the Greenhouse that was added to Warner Science Hall for use in botanical studies. Initiative for this project started with faculty and students who dug the foundation and held "a Greenhouse Weekend," during which $300 was raised. Additional funds of $12,000 were provided by the Development Program. Thus was completed the first of Middlebury's needs in providing for improved facilities for the physical sciences.

Ever since the old College Playhouse was destroyed by fire in 1953, a Drama and Speech Center has been a priority project in the Middlebury Development Program. On May 4th of this year, President Stratton released plans for the Charles Baker Wright Memorial Theater to be constructed on Château Road between the Music Studio and Le Château. The new drama and speech center will include a 400 seat auditorium, drama workshop, faculty offices and rehearsal rooms. Exterior plans for the building allow for future expansion to meet additional needs at a later date. Necessary funds for the building have come from gifts to the Middlebury Development Program by Alumni, parents, and friends plus grants from the



Architect's sketch of the Charles Baker Wright Memorial Theater. This building when constructed will be the College's Drama and Speech Center.

Kresge Foundation and the Fleischmann Foundation.

Equally gratifying has been the progress made in another very important phase of the Development Program, the solicitation of additional funds needed to make possible better faculty salaries and increased scholarship aid. From the start this has been an important goal in the Middlebury Development Program.

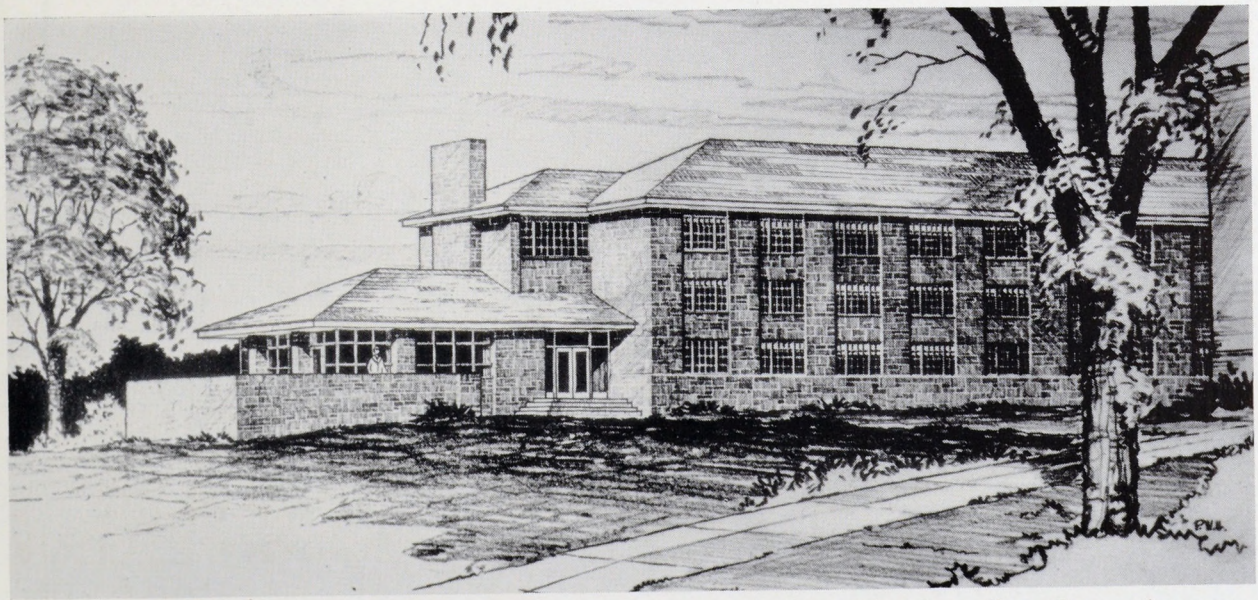
The Ford Foundation grant was an inspiring and important aid to Middlebury's goal of increasing faculty salaries. This grant consisted of two parts and totaled over $444,000. The first part was an endowment grant with all income derived therefrom devoted to faculty salaries. The second part was an accomplishment grant awarded to Middlebury as one of 126 of the Nation's colleges that "led the way in their regions in improving faculty status." This is an unrestricted grant which will be slightly in excess of $100,000. It is unrestricted because it was felt that those colleges who had been increasing faculty salaries without outside help, had been doing so by sacrificing attention to other needs on their campuses.

Although the Ford grant will be given to Middlebury in two parts, one half received this July and the balance in July 1957, Middlebury's Board of Trustees have already voted to increase faculty salaries an average of 10% starting with the new fiscal year commencing July first. This amounts to an average increase of approximately $500 for the full-time faculty members of the College. Inasmuch as income from the Ford grant when received would make possible an increase of some 4%, income from an increase in tuition together with gifts from Alumni and others to the Middlebury Development Program will be used to make possible the over-all 10% increase.

The May NEWS LETTER carried an article by Dr. Freeman pointing out the progress Middlebury has made toward improving the scholarship program. In the 1954–55 year, 18% of Middlebury's undergraduates received scholarship aid averaging $320 per student. This year over 21% of the student body received scholarship grants averaging $350 per person. Through the Development Program there has been a gratifying response to the College's needs for more endowed funds earmarked for scholarship aid. To supplement the funds available from endowed scholarships, Middlebury's Development Program is actively seeking scholarship grants from foundations and corporations. Over $30,000 was secured for this purpose during the 1955–56 year.

This year important new scholarship grants were received from James S. Kemper Foundation which will start with a freshman man this coming fall, the Elbert H. and Jessie D. Wiggin Foundation, which will make possible a four year full tuition grant to an undergraduate man, and the Sarah Frances Hutchinson Cowles Fund, which has just made a $1,500 grant to Middlebury for scholarship aid to women undergraduates. This grant will be continued and increased in subsequent years.

Hard work and generous [*Continued on page 10*]



A sketch of the proposed new men's dormitory—when built it will make it possible to have all men live on the campus.

giving by many has made possible this record of achievement. Every worker and contributor to the Alumni Fund has played an important part in helping make possible the Program's accomplishments. Inspiring leadership and generous support has been received from Edwin S. S. Sunderland '11, Chairman of the Trustees' Development Committee, and from all members of Middlebury's Board. Special mention must be made of the effective work done by Stan Wright '19, for it was his untiring effort that organized the Program and set the course that has been successfully pursued.

The Goals Ahead

But much is yet to be done to assure Middlebury's means of retaining its position of leadership amongst the nation's independent liberal arts colleges. Middlebury's endowment is considerably less than that of other leading small liberal arts colleges. It has been characteristic Vermont thriftiness and economy that has enabled Middlebury to maintain its nationally known reputation in the field of liberal arts education. However, income to the college from endowed funds has not kept pace with the ever increasing demands made upon it. For this reason the Development Program must aggressively promote substantial growth of Middlebury's endowment by gifts, grants and bequests. In this activity special emphasis will be placed in attracting more endowment for scholarship aid and faculty salaries. More endowed professorships will be particularly important as the means of attracting and holding a highly competent faculty at Middlebury.

Equally pressing are Middlebury's remaining building needs. From its beginning the Development Program has emphasized the need of increased library space by additions to Egbert Starr Library and improved facilities for the Physical Sciences with emphasis on renovation and modernization of the Chemistry Building.

Now that the Drama and Speech Center is on the way to realization, first priority must be given to Middlebury's Library. The Egbert Starr Library is a beautiful building and an excellent college library. However, the library facilities it made available when completed in 1928 are woefully inadequate for Middlebury today with its much larger student body and greatly increased numbers of books requiring shelf space.

The college's library needs have been studied by Joseph Wheeler, an able library consultant. His report has revealed that the facilities of Egbert Starr Library can be increased to meet today's and future needs by the construction of West and East Wings enabling the building to retain its beauty and character. The next step is the drawing of architectural plans and a concentrated drive for the means to pay for the construction. This is the immediate target of the Development Program. It will require the help of Middlebury men and women everywhere.

The Means to our Goals

Three basic activities are needed to insure the success of the Middlebury Development Program—the Alumni Fund, the solicitation of more capital gifts, and an increase in current fund gifts to Middlebury from outside sources.

The Middlebury Alumni Fund is the very cornerstone of Middlebury's Development Program. As a program of annual giving by alumni, parents, and friends it creates a "living endowment" in support of the college. The support it has given to the Development Program these past two years has been magnificent. **The $25,000 it makes available each year for scholarships is the largest single source the college has for scholarship aid.**

More than this, the Alumni Fund has made possible sizeable amounts to the Development Program and made known to outside sources the high degree of loyal support Middlebury receives from its own people. The fact that Middlebury's Alumni Fund has earned a position on the Honor Roll of the American Alumni Council within the space of 6 years for its percentage of participation has been noted by numerous foundations and corporations. Many have written commenting on the fine record Middlebury alumni have achieved.

Capital gifts play the key role in making possible the means of building and improving buildings and increasing Middlebury's endowment. Here the Philanthropic Foundations can be of increasing assistance to Middlebury for their generous support can make possible the completion of Middlebury's building needs at a pace necessary to meet the increasing educational demands being placed on it by an ever growing America. It was grants from the Kresge and Fleischmann Foundations that supplemented individual gifts to make certain the early realization of the new theatre building. In like fashion the handsome grant from the Ford Foundation strengthens Middlebury's endowment and makes possible the means for better faculty salaries for years to come.

The Development Program is steadily increasing its efforts to bring Middlebury's needs and educational objectives before interested foundations. At the same time it is expanding its program for soliciting individuals for gifts and bequests for permanent projects.

Increased effort in attracting more Current Fund Gifts to Middlebury is another growing activity of the Development Program. Grants and gifts of this type are used in the college's operating budget and make possible important improvements in Middlebury's educational program that could not be met from the College's income from endowment and student fees. Included here are grants for scholarship aid supplementing the amounts made possible by income from endowed scholarships and the Alumni Fund, grants for faculty travel and study (Middlebury will have a professor traveling and observing in the Soviet Union this year and a professor observing and teaching in the field of General Education at Harvard University under grants from the Carnegie Foundation for these purposes), and unrestricted grants to bolster the operating budget where the need is greatest.

Corporate giving is playing an increasingly important role in this field, and Middlebury has been fortunate in receiving steadily increased support from American corporations. In 1954 four corporations and the New England Colleges Fund made $5,774 available to Middlebury for current funds. This past college year ending June 30th nine corporations gave to Middlebury, and their grants together with increased receipts from the New England Colleges Fund totaled over $21,000, almost a 400% increase. Efforts of the Development Program call for further increases in this field in the coming years.

When the Middlebury Development Program was launched in 1954, it was authorized by the Trustees as a plan to coordinate the development of the college with its needs and financial resources. Success in Middlebury's development to date results from the loyal interest and generous support by alumni, alumnae, faculty, and friends of the College. The final success of the Program remains in these same hands.

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By *Professor* John G. Bowker, *Dean of the Faculty*

About six years ago the Carnegie Corporation sponsored and established internships in general education at five universities—Columbia, Brown, Chicago, Harvard, and Yale. These institutions had working programs in general education, and the internships were designed to provide opportunities for professors from other colleges to teach in the program and to observe and study its effectiveness. Next year, 1956–57, is the fifth and last year of the program, and for the third time a Middlebury professor has won an award. **Dr. Paul Cubeta,** Assistant Professor of English, will spend the year at Harvard University and will teach a course in the Humanities. Professor Cubeta's book "*Modern Drama for Analysis,*" which first appeared in 1950, has just been revised and published by the Dryden Press. Others who have received these Carnegie Grants have been **Professor Richard L. Brown,** who spent the year 1950–51 at Columbia, and **Professor Donald Ballou,** who was at Yale during 1951–52. Dr. Cubeta has served on our faculty-elected educational policy committee this year and Dr. Ballou has been its chairman.

Dr. Pardon E. Tillinghast, Assistant Professor of history, has been awarded a Fulbright Exchange Teaching Grant for the coming year. He will teach history, English, and French in the City of London School in England, a "public" (in our language "private") school. In exchange, **Mr. Michael Hutchinson,** who holds an advanced degree from Trinity College, Cambridge, will teach in our history department. The Tillinghasts are all leaving for England early in September.

Professor Harold B. Hitchcock, chairman of our biology department, is again devoting the summer months to the problem: "*How does a pigeon know where home is when you turn it loose?*" Many will remember that Dr. Hitchcock spent six months in Germany on a Fulbright Grant in 1954 working on the same problem with Dr. Gustav Kramer at the Max Planck Institute in Wilhelmshaven. His colleague this summer at the Harvard Biological Laboratory in Cambridge is Dr. Donald R. Griffin of the Harvard faculty, a leading authority in the United States on animal orientation. Possibly they can determine whether the currently popular theory of "*sun navigation*" is valid or that the birds find direction by some sort of "*magnetic detector*" sensitive to the earth's magnetic field. I will try to keep you informed about Dr. Hitchcock's findings in this fascinating and significant [*Continued on page 12*]

Dr. George W. Wilson is shown receiving a check for $2,000, first prize in a nationwide essay contest conducted by the Federation of Railway Progress for college teachers of economics. Left to right are: President Stratton, James W. Lyne, President of the Federation, Dr. Wilson, Gardner A. Caverly, President of the Rutland Railway Corp., and Mrs. Wilson.

PRESIDENT STRATTON ANNOUNCES SALARY INCREASES FOR FACULTY

With the start of the current fiscal year on July 1st, faculty salaries were increased by an average of 10 per cent. This amounts to an average increase of approximately $500 for the full time faculty members of the College.

Salary increases for the Middlebury faculty were made possible by the Ford Foundation grant, an increase in tuition and gifts from Alumni and others to the Middlebury Development Program. They include merit and promotion increases as well as general salary raises for the faculty.

Retirement and Social Security benefit payments were increased accordingly. Faculty members receive an additional sum amounting to five per cent of their salaries in payment of annuity premiums. All College employees come under Social Security.

Middlebury College received an endowment grant of $336,200 for faculty salaries from the Ford Foundation plus an accomplishment grant in excess of $100,000. Middlebury was one of 126 of the 600 colleges awarded an accomplishment grant for leadership in the area of increasing faculty salaries. The Ford grant is being given to Middlebury in two parts, one half was received on July 3, 1956 and the balance will be received in July 1957.

In announcing increased faculty salaries, President Stratton said, "Gratifying as it is to announce increased faculty salaries, we must not lose sight of the fact that Middlebury like every other independent academic institution must continue to be vitally concerned with this problem. The Ford Foundation grant was particularly heartening. Not only did it make possible tangible help in improving faculty salaries but also it focused national attention on this great American educational problem."

"Our Development Program calls for increased efforts in obtaining the means to insure Middlebury's ability to attract and hold faculty people of the highest quality," Dr. Stratton emphasized.

For the first time in the College's history, a Middlebury College Alumni Association has been formed in Canada. Walter Kyle Prescott, '50, is the president of the new group.

The Middlebury College Alumni Association of Canada held its first meeting and dinner in Montreal when the group's charter was presented to President Samuel S. Stratton. The dinner session was attended by a large group of Alumni-ae and present students and parents.

The new association, which was incorporated under Canadian laws, has planned an annual contribution program to provide scholarships for Canadian boys and girls attending Middlebury. The group has already received $1000 in contributions this year.

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project. The October 1955 issue of the periodical "*The Auk*" contains an article by Professor Hitchcock, "*Homing Flights and Orientation of Pigeons,*" in which he describes in detail the procedures and results of several of his recent experiments in this country, complete with charts.

Hearty congratulations to **Dr. George W. Wilson** of our economics department for winning first prize of $2,000 in a nationwide essay contest. Back in 1955 the Federation for Railway Progress announced a contest for college teachers of economics for the best paper on "*A Critical Appraisal from the Standpoint of the National Economic Welfare of Present Rate-Making, Under Regulation, of Common Carrier Transportation—in the Light of the Rapid Growth of Private and Other Unregulated Carriers.*" In his paper, Dr. Wilson pointed out that to encourage traffic to move by the agency of transportation economically best fitted to move it, rates should be based with more emphasis on the "cost of service" than on "value of service." His success has brought honor to Middlebury and recognition to the department of economics. Dr. Wilson joined the Middlebury faculty last September and his promotion to the rank of Assistant Professor was announced in the (May, 1956) NEWS LETTER. During these summer months he is in Ottawa working for the Canadian government in the Department of Labour.

Dr. Mischa Fayer will be on sabbatical leave the first semester of the coming year and has just been awarded one of the Carnegie Grants available to post-doctoral scholars for research and travel. This will enable Professor Fayer to travel in Russia provided he succeeds in getting over the visa hurdle. He is writing a book, material for which must be collected in the Soviet Union.

Others who have been granted leaves of absence during the coming year are **"Doc" Cook** during the first semester and **the writer** during the second.

Mr. Bernard Fusaro, Instructor in mathematics and drafting, has received a generous award from the National Science Foundation which enabled him to attend an eight-weeks Institute for college teachers of mathematics at the University of Michigan this summer. **Dr. Chung-Ying Chih** of the physics department was called to the radiation laboratory at the University of California for the summer; **Dr. Grant Harnest** is teaching chemistry at the University of Vermont Summer Session.

Numerous articles by our faculty in professional journals and periodicals testify to their professional alertness and continued research in spite of heavy teaching loads. In addition to the books and articles mentioned above, **Professor Howard Woodin** of the botany department has published recently in the "*American Midland Naturalist;*" Biologist **Robert M. Chute** in "*The Proceedings of the Helminthological Society of Washington;*" and **Dr. Dennison Nash** in "*The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism.*" You may have been thrilled to see "Doc" Cook's article "*What Are We Doing to Our Heroes*" in the SATURDAY REVIEW of April 21, 1956 and **Arthur Healy's** paintings to illustrate Bernard De Voto's "*Bread Loaf, Vermont*" in the FORD TIMES Special Edition this spring.

Faculty morale received a big boost in May when President Stratton announced appreciable and significant faculty salary increases for the new year. This action by Dr. Stratton and the Trustees marks an important step toward insuring and maintaining the high quality of our faculty and our traditionally high academic standards. This most welcome news was made possible by anticipating the income from the grant of the Ford Foundation designated for this purpose plus an increase of $50 in student tuition.